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Dear John,

Recently regulations governing Notice, Comment, and Appeal procedures for projects on National Forest System lands have been updated. These new regulations require that comments be received during the comment period specified in a legal notice and that comments be substantive in order for an individual to be considered as an appellant. We are publishing a legal notice describing the proposed action for the Dove Creek Quarry Expansion project which establishes that comment period. We are sending you this information because you previously commented on this project. Please respond by the end of the comment period, 30 days following the publishing of the legal notice (approximately September 5th, 2003) if your previous comments still apply and you wish to have them considered as part of this comment period. Additional comments related to this project will also be considered at this time. If you wish to have standing in the event of appeal you must respond by the end of the comment period. You can respond by letter or e-mail at comments-intermtn-sawtooth-minidoka@fs.fed.us. I have enclosed a draft copy of the legal notice for your reference. If you have any questions please contact Karl Fuelling at this office.

Sincerely,

SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Minidoka District Ranger



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Notice of Opportunity to Comment
USDA Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest
Minidoka Ranger District, Cassia & Twin Falls Counties, Idaho

Dove Creek Quarry Expansion Project

The Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest proposes to authorize Bonneville Quarries, Inc. to expand its Dove Creek Quarry Operation at Clark's Basin, Raft River Range, Box Elder County, Utah, T.13N., R16W., Sections 12, 13, 14, S1/4, Base Meridian. The proposal would involve the development of two new Oakley-stone quarry locations (5 acres disturbance) and construction and maintenance of new and existing roads (2.7 acres disturbance). Current road and quarry disturbance on Forest Service managed lands is 8.5 acres. Operator proposes concurrent reclamation of portions of the existing quarries as the new quarries are opened up.

The Forest Service encourages your substantive comments on this proposed action, along with supporting reasons that the responsible official should consider in reaching a decision [(36 CFR 215.6(a)(3) published June 4, 2003]. Your comments will be used to help prepare an environmental analysis of the proposed action. Send substantive comments to the Responsible Official for this project, who is Scott C. Nannengal, Minidoka District Ranger, 3650 S. Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318; phone (208) 678-0430; FAX (208) 677-4878; you can e-mail comments to comments-intermtn-sawtooth@minidoka.fs.fed.us, or you may hand-deliver your comments to the above address during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

To maintain eligibility for appeal, each individual or, for an organization, an authorized representative, must submit substantive comments and must sign the comments or otherwise verify their identity. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice.

Additional information on the proposed action may be obtained by contacting Steve Flock, 3650 S. Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318; phone (208) 678-0430; FAX (208) 677-4878.